

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

A1 ~~Sub B.1> 5. (Amended) A coupling according to claim 1, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.~~

Please add the following new claims.

A2 ~~Sub B.1> 14. (New) A coupling according to claim 2, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.~~

~~15. (New) A coupling according to claim 3, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.~~

~~16. (New) A coupling according to claim 4, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.~~